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**PROCESS AND PRODUCTION LINE
FOR MANUFACTURING ULTRATHIN
HOT ROLLED STRIPS BASED ON
THE THIN SLAB TECHNIQUE**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 15, 2004

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicant herewith submits form PTO-1449, which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated December 4, 2003, International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) dated February 12, 2004 and of which Applicant is aware for the present application. A copy of the ISR and IPER are attached hereto. It is noted that the Applicant has not enclosed a copy of the U.S. patents cited on form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicant does not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicant reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.



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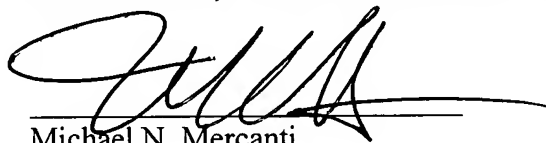
Applicant also reserves the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicant requests that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed with the application and is therefore within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b). It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record.

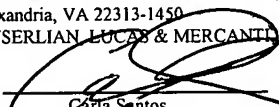
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